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Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations

Report of the Fifth Committee

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I. Introduction

1. The previous recommendations made by the Fifth Committee to the General Assembly under agenda item 119 appear in the reports of the Committee contained in documents A/58/571 and A/58/571/Add.1.

2. The Fifth Committee resumed its consideration of the item at its 31st to 33rd and 39th meetings, on 10, 15 and 16 March and 2 April 2004. Statements and observations made in the course of the Committee's consideration of the item are reflected in the relevant summary records (A/C.5/58/SR.31-33 and 39).

3. For its further consideration of the item, the Committee had before it the following documents:

(a) Report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations system common services at Geneva (A/58/439);

(b) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on strengthening the investigation functions in the United Nations (A/58/708);

(c) Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the recommendations of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on the Investment Management Service of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund (A/58/725).

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II. Consideration of draft decision A/C.5/58/L.66

4. At the 39th meeting, on 2 April, the Chairman introduced a draft decision entitled "Questions deferred for future consideration" (A/C.5/58/L.66).

5. Statements were made by the representatives of Nigeria, South Africa and Egypt.

6. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft decision A/C.5/58/L.66 without a vote (see para. 7).

III. Recommendation of the Fifth Committee

7. The Fifth Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft decision:

Questions deferred for future consideration

The General Assembly decides to defer to its fifty-ninth session consideration of the following agenda items and related documents:

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(a) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on strengthening the investigation functions in the United Nations;[1]

(b) Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the recommendations of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on the Investment Management Service of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund;[2]

(c) Report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations system common services at Geneva;[3]

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(d) Report of the Secretary-General on the composition of the Secretariat;[4]

(e) Report of the Secretary-General on the list of staff of the United Nations Secretariat;[5]

(f) Report of the Secretary-General on amendments to the Staff Rules;[6]

(g) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on possible discrimination due to nationality, race, sex, religion and language in recruitment, promotion and placement;[7]

(h) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the comments of the Joint Inspection Unit on the report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on possible discrimination due to nationality, race, sex, religion and language in recruitment, promotion and placement;[8]

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[1] A/58/708.
[2] A/58/725.
[3] A/58/439.
[4] A/58/666.
[5] A/C.5/58/L.13.
[6] A/58/283.
[7] A/56/956.
[8] A/56/956/Add.1.

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Report of the Secretary-General on the activities of the Office of Internal Oversight Services

(i) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the annual report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services for the period from 1 July 2002 to 30 June 2003;[9]

(j) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on the audit of the functioning of the Headquarters Committee on Contracts;[10]

(k) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on the review of the structure and operations of United Nations information centres.[11]

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[9] A/58/364.
[10] A/58/294.
[11] A/57/747 and Corr.1.